## BEFORE THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

In the Matter of Eric Felsch, Psy.D., L.P. License No. 4514 STIPULATION TO CEASE PRACTICING PSYCHOLOGY

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Psychology ("Board") has received information related to alleged activities which could affect the license of Eric Felsch, Psy.D., L.P. ("Licensee"), to practice psychology.

WHEREAS Licensee holds a license from the Board to practice psychology in the State of Minnesota and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board.

WHEREAS the Board is authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes sections 148.88 to 148.98 to license and regulate psychologists and to take disciplinary action as appropriate.

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2018, Licensee was charged in Steams County District Court with (1) Third Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct with a patient during a psychotherapy session; and (2) Third Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct with a patient outside a psychotherapy session, in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 609.344, subdivision 1(h)(i) and 1(h)(ii). As of the date of this Stipulation, the charges are pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, LICENSEE AND THE BOARD HEREBY STIPULATE AND AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Licensee shall CEASE AND DESIST from practicing psychology in any manner in the State of Minnesota and shall neither offer nor provide any psychology services within the state until this Stipulation is rescinded or modified.
- 2. This Stipulation shall be in effect pending the resolution of all criminal charges and until (a) the Board dismisses the allegations; (b) Licensee enters into a corrective action agreement or stipulation and order with the Board; or (c) the Board issues an order after a contested case proceeding held pursuant to Minnesota Statutes chapter 14.

- 3. This Stipulation is not disciplinary action.
- 4. Licensee's noncompliance and violation of this Stipulation shall be considered a violation of Minnesota Statutes section 148.941 and constitute grounds for disciplinary action.
- 5. Licensee agrees that if he violates the terms of this Stipulation, the following actions may be taken:
- a. The Board may, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 14 and Minnesota Rules 1400.5100–1400.8400, file a contested case at the Office of Administrative Hearings.
- b. Licensee agrees that in a contested case about an alleged violation of this Stipulation, the administrative law judge might only be able to consider whether this Stipulation was violated. If the administrative law judge finds that there has been a violation he or she may make a recommendation that it is appropriate for the Board to take disciplinary action against Licensee's license.
- c. Licensee agrees that, in the event the Board receives findings of the administrative law judge that there has been a violation of this Stipulation, the Board may order disciplinary action, including a suspension or revocation of Licensee's license to practice psychology.
- d. Upon application of the Board, any appropriate court may enforce the terms of this Stipulation and prohibit Licensee's practice of psychology until the conditions of this Stipulation are fulfilled.
- 6. This Stipulation shall be classified as public data for purposes of Minnesota Statutes sections 13.02, subdivision 15 and 13.41, subdivision 5. Data regarding this action will be provided to data banks as required by Federal law or consistent with Board policy.
- 7. Licensee has been informed of his option to be represented by a lawyer in this matter.
- 8. Licensee acknowledges that he has read this Stipulation, understands the terms and conditions as set forth in it, and freely and voluntarily signs this Stipulation.

9. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement between the Board and Licensee, there being no agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies this Stipulation.

ERIC FELSCH, PSY.D., L.P.

Licensee

Dated: 2/5, 2018

MINNESOTA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

SAM SANDS Executive Director

Dated:  $\frac{2/6}{}$ , 2018